

CLAIMS:

1. -9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A high-strength bolted connection structure substantially without needs of a fire protection, said bolted structure comprising at least one of each columns and beams made of fire resistant steel, wherein said column and said beams are connected with

ultra-high-strength bolts that provide additional fire resistance to the connection structure, each of the bolts having a bolt tensile strength of at least 1200 N/mm<sup>2</sup> at a room temperature, ~~and~~ wherein the ratio of a effective cross-sectional area of a bolt thread (bAs) to a correctional area of bolt shank (bAs) is  $\geq 0.8$  , and wherein the ratio of bolt tensile strength at 650 C (TSt) to the bolt tensile strength at room temperature (TS) satisfies the following inequality:

$$\underline{TSt/TS \geq (0.675 \times \sqrt{3} \times \mu/v) \times bAe/bAs}$$

~~the fire resistance with a bolt shear proof stress at 650°C satisfying the following inequality:~~

$$b\tau t \geq \mu \times N_t / (v \times bAs);$$

where

~~b $\tau$  t is the bolt shear proof stress, such that b $\tau$  t = TSt/ $\sqrt{3}$ ;~~

~~TSt is the tensile strength of the bolts at a predetermined high temperature;~~

$\mu$  is a coefficient of slip at the room temperature,

~~N<sub>t</sub> is a design bolt tension;~~

v is safety factor for a long-term load, ~~and~~

~~bAs is a cross-sectional area of a bolt shank.~~

11. (Currently amended) The bolted connection structure according to claim 10,

wherein at least one particular beam of the beams has a long-term allowable shear force at the room temperature ( $Q_s$ ), which satisfies the following:

$$Q_s \leq \{n_s \times TS + (n_f - n_s) \times TSt\} \times (1/\sqrt{3}) \times \mu/v \times bAs, \text{ and}$$

$$Q_s \leq \{n_s \times b\tau + (n_f - n_s) \times b\tau_t\} \times bAs, \text{ and}$$

wherein:

$Q_s$  is a long-term allowable shear force of the particular beam at the room temperature, such that  $Q_s = f_s \times A_b$ , where

$f_s$  is an particular long-term allowable shear proof stress of the beam,

$A_b$  is a cross-sectional area of the particular beam,

$n_s$  is a number of tension bolts in a floor slab on an upper flange side of the particular beam,

~~$b\tau$  is a shear proof stress of bolt at the room temperature, such that  $b\tau = TS/\sqrt{3}$ ,~~

~~$TS$  is a tensile strength of the bolts at the room temperature, and~~

$n_f$  is a number of tension bolts on the upper flange side of the particular beam.

12. (previously presented) The bolted connection structure according to claim 10, further comprising:

sets of a high-strength bolt, a nut, a washer and joint metals, wherein the nut is a general structural hexagon nut, and the washer is a structural high-strength plain washer, and wherein no fire resistance is provided for the nut and the washer.

13. (previously presented) The bolted connection structure according to claim 10, further comprising:

sets of a high-strength bolt, a nut, a washer and joint metals, wherein at least a portion of the joint metals are composed of a steel material having a predetermined high-temperature strength.

14. (Previously Presented) The bolted connection structure according to claim 10, wherein at least a portion of at least one of the columns and the beams used is composed of a steel material having a predetermined high-temperature strength.

15. (previously presented) The bolted connection structure according to claim 10,

wherein at least one particular bolt of the high-strength bolts is an ultra-high-strength bolt which contains approximately, in % by weight, C: 0.30 ~ 0.45%, Si: less than 0.10%, Mn: more than 0.40% ~ less than 1.00%, P: less than 0.010%, S: 0.010% or less, Cr: 0.5% or more ~ less than 1.5%, Mo: more than 0.35% ~ less than 1.5%, V: more than 0.3% ~ 1.0% or less, with the balance being Fe and unavoidable impurities, and which has the fire resistance and a particular resistance to a delayed fracture such that following relations are satisfied:

$$TS \leq (1.1 \times T + 850), \text{ and}$$

$$TS \leq (550 \times Ceq + 1000),$$

wherein:

TS is a tensile strength of the particular bolt at the room temperature,

T is a tempering temperature, and

Ceq is carbon equivalent, such that

$$Ceq = C + (Mn/6) + (Si/24) + (Ni/40) + (Cr/5) + (Mo/4) + (V/14).$$

16. (previously presented) The bolted connection structure according to claim 12, wherein the high-strength bolt is an ultra-high-strength bolt which contains approximately, in % by weight,

C: 0.30 ~ 0.45%, Si: less than 0.10%, Mn: more than 0.40% ~ less than 1.00%, P: less than 0.010%, S: 0.010% or less, Cr: 0.5% or more ~ less than 1.5%, Mo: more than 0.35% ~ less than 1.5%, V: more than 0.3% ~ 1.0% or less, with the balance being Fe and unavoidable impurities, and which has the fire resistance and a particular resistance to a delayed fracture such that following relations are satisfied:

$$TS \leq (1.1 \times T + 850), \text{ and}$$

$$TS \leq (550 \times Ceq + 1000),$$

wherein:

TS is a tensile strength of the high-strength bolt at the room temperature,

T is a tempering temperature, and

Ceq is carbon equivalent, such that

$$Ceq = C + (Mn/6) + (Si/24) + (Ni/40) + (Cr/5) + (Mo/4) + (V/14).$$

17. (previously presented) The bolted connection structure according to claim 13, wherein the high-strength bolt is an ultra-high-strength bolt which contains approximately, in % by weight, C: 0.30 ~ 0.45%, Si: less than 0.10%, Mn: more than 0.40% ~ less than 1.00%, P: less than 0.010%, S: 0.010% or less, Cr: 0.5% or more ~ less than 1.5%, Mo: more than 0.35% ~ less than 1.5%, V: more than 0.3% ~ 1.0% or less, with the balance being Fe and unavoidable impurities, and which has excellent fire resistance and resistance to delayed fracture such that following relations are satisfied:

$$TS \leq (1.1 \times T + 850), \text{ and}$$

$$TS \leq (550 \times Ceq + 1000),$$

wherein:

TS is a tensile strength of the high-strength bolt at room temperature,

T is a tempering temperature, and

Ceq is carbon equivalent, such that

$$Ceq = C + (Mn/6) + (Si/24) + (Ni/40) + (Cr/5) + (Mo/4) + (V/14).$$

18. (previously presented) The bolted connection structure according to claim 14,

wherein at least one of the bolts is an ultra-high-strength bolt which contains approximately, in % by weight, C: 0.30 ~ 0.45%, Si: less than 0.10%, Mn: more than 0.40% ~ less than 1.00%, P: less than 0.010%, S: 0.010% or less, Cr: 0.5% or more ~ less than 1.5%, Mo: more than 0.35% ~ less than 1.5%, V: more than 0.3% ~ 1.0% or less, with the balance being Fe and unavoidable impurities, and which has excellent fire resistance and resistance to delayed fracture such that following relations are satisfied:

$$TS \leq (1.1 \times T + 850), \text{ and}$$

$$TS \leq (550 \times Ceq + 1000),$$

wherein:

TS is a tensile strength of the high-strength bolt at the room temperature,

T is a tempering temperature, and

Ceq is carbon equivalent, such that

$$Ceq = C + (Mn/6) + (Si/24) + (Ni/40) + (Cr/5) + (Mo/4) + (V/14).$$